

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
March 10, 2024

Welcome to worship at Bethel! We are thankful that you have joined us for a time of refreshment, renewal, and encouragement. We invite you to make Bethel your church home if you are seeking a place to worship regularly. After the morning service you are invited to join us for coffee, juice, and fellowship.

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.
Led by: Pastor Rich Loerop

- Prelude**
Welcome and announcements
Call to worship
* **God’s greeting to His people**
* **We greet each other**
* **Opening songs:** *Only a Holy God*
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty – PsH 249 (1-4)
Baptism of Hattie Elizabeth Pfeifle
Song of response: *A Christian Home* – Praise 147 (1-4)
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering for Cornerstone Prison Church
* **Song of preparation:** *Lead Me, Guide Me* – PsH 544 (1-3)
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
Scripture: Psalm 5
Message: DANGEROUS PRAYERS: Lead Me, Lord
* **Song of application:** *Will You Come and Follow Me*
* **Parting words**
* **Parting song:** *Step By Step*

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
Led by: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

- Prelude**
Welcome
* **God’s greeting to his people**
* **Opening songs:** *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet* – PsH 569 (1-2)
How Good and Pleasant Is the Sight – PsH 514 (1-2)
Responsive reading: Psalm 119:1-16
Song of response: *How Shall the Young Direct Their Way*
Prayer
* **Song of preparation:** *Christian Hearts in Love United* – PsH 513 (1-3)
Scripture: James 2:1-13
Message: FAVORITISM FORBIDDEN
* **Song of response:** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* – PsH 601 (1-4)
* **God’s blessing to His people**
* **Closing song:** *Praise and Thanksgiving* – PsH 631 (1-3)
(Your evening offering for Cornerstone Prison Church can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)


Offering Schedule:
March 10: Cornerstone Prison Church
March 17: Mary Buys, Mission to the World
Communion Thank Offering: Union Gospel Mission
March 24: CRC Cuba

Church Family:

- This morning we have the joy of witnessing the baptism of **Hattie Elizabeth Pfeifle**, daughter of **Nate and Emma Pfeifle**.

This Week’s Activities:

MONDAY:
7:00 pm **Women’s Bible Study**.....Society Room
WEDNESDAY:
6:30-8:15 pm **GEMS**.....First CRC
6:30-8:30 pm **Cadets**.....Bethel
THURSDAY:
7:00 pm **Friendship Class**.....First CRC
SATURDAY:
8:30 am **Cadet Snow Derby** meet at Bethel
NEXT SUNDAY:
8:30 am **Prayer Meeting**.....Prayer Room
9:30 am **Morning Worship Service**Bethel
10:45 am **Sunday School Classes**Classrooms
10:45 am **Choir Practice**.....Sanctuary
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service**Bethel



STEPHEN MINISTRY:
Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another
above yourselves. -Romans 12:10

Announcements:

CHURCH

Attention Choir: The Southwest Annual Music Festival at First CRC is on Sunday, March 17 at 2:30. Our choir will be singing a crowd favorite, It's Yours by Matt Mahr. We will practice today and next Sunday after the morning service. We would love you to join us!

High School Catechism classes meet today at 5:15pm.

Saturday, March 16 is the **Sioux Valley Cadet Council Snow Derby** at Split Rock Creek near Ihlen. Cadets meet at Bethel at 8:30.

From the Search Committee: We would like to announce we have a pastoral candidate and his family coming to visit and preach for us on Sunday the 14th of April. Names and more details will be forthcoming. Please join us in prayer for continued discernment, as well as prayer for this family as they also discern the Lords leading for their lives.

Notes from the March Council meeting:

- An update was provided on the work of the Pastoral Search Committee.
- Council continued their conversation on ways to provide support for marriages at Bethel and our community.
- Council members participated in a time of mutual censure in which they spent time in self-evaluation of faith formation practices, both personally and as a church.
- The latest group which led the Union Gospel Mission reported on their time of worship at the mission. Those who participated noted the value of continuing this important ministry.
- The elders reported that they have completed most of their Church Education visits for the year.

SCHOOLS

Mark Your Calendar: March 17, 2:30 pm: Please join us for our Annual Music Festival at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest’s Choirs, area churches and choral groups will present individual numbers during this afternoon of praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir the Hallelujah Chorus. An

offering will be taken for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual **Spring Soup and Dessert Supper** on Tuesday March 19th. Serving time is 5:30-7:30pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

ATLAS for Life, Pipestone is excited to announce a new fundraiser! ATLAS will be hosting a greenhouse this spring supplied by VIP Floral and Greenhouse. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help “man” the greenhouse for the 6–8-week timeframe. We are having an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the ATLAS office – 101 2nd St. NE** in Pipestone (just north of the Ewert Rec Center) to learn more information about this volunteer opportunity for this fundraiser. Green thumbs and enthusiastic individuals are encouraged to attend this meeting for an afternoon of information, snacks, and interaction. Please call the ATLAS office if you are interested in this opportunity and unable to attend the meeting or with questions: 507.562.5777.

Coffee Break Bible Study will be hosting a special meeting on March 20 at First CRC in Edgerton and invites all women to attend. Mr. Brian Busker, teacher at SWC will speak on the history and basic beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Story Hour and nursery will be provided. Brian will also speak at the evening session of Coffee Break Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, March 25, 2024 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or to confirm an appointment. Can we collect 75 units of blood for use by the Red Cross for someone/somewhere. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S. needs blood. Only 3% of eligible people donate. Anyone 16 years and older and in good health is able to donate. We were encourage our younger people to step up and make a donation.

All women of the community are invited to the annual Maundy Thursday Brunch at First Reformed Church in Edgerton (230 Maple St.) on Thursday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and muffins at 9:00a.m. Guest speakers this year include SWC school students and other church members who will share about their trip to En-Gedi Childrens Home in Kenya, Africa. The Free-Will offering will go to the En-Gedi Childrens Home which Margaret Njuguna founded.

First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton is hosting an **Easter Sunrise service** (March 31) beginning at 7:00 a.m. We welcome our area church congregations and visiting family and friends to join us as we remember Christ’s finished work on the cross and his resurrection on that glorious Easter morning! Please join us for this celebration as we greet Easter morning reflecting on God's word along with songs from the congregation and special numbers that walk us through Jesus’ birth to the glorious resurrection day. Following the service, a breakfast will be served in the church's fellowship hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our **Annual Benefit Banquet** on Monday, April 1, 2024 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet begins at 6:30pm. Save your spot by Sunday, March 24 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. A free will offering will be taken to support Cornerstone’s ministry.

SAVE THE DATE - It is Tea Party time! All women (0-99+) are invited for a morning of tea, fellowship, and encouragement on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Sister's Tea will be celebrating our sisterhood in Christ as we "encourage and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Tea and other refreshments, a light lunch, and desserts are provided. Floppy hats optional! There will also be a free will donation box and silent auction with proceeds benefiting Royal Family Kids Camp in Southwest Minnesota (check them on out Facebook). So, gather your sisters in Christ and join us for a fun morning! For

more information, visit "Sister's Tea" Facebook page. If you have any question or would like to reserve a seat(s) or a table (seats 8), please contact Ashley Stoel (507-227-6446) or Courtney Vis (507-920-2831). **RSVPs are due by Monday, April 1. Beautiful Life Conference 2024** is hosting a **Teen Night** for girls grades 7-12, and a **Women's Conference** this spring! Both events will feature speaker, writer, and radio-girl, Debbie Griffith! Debbie is an animated entertainer and a passionate encourager, activated by God's grace to help you live freely in His goodness.

The **Women's Conference** will be **Saturday, April 13** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with doors opening at 8 a.m. In addition to a great speaker, you will also experience powerful worship, meaningful connections, and even a little shopping! Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Gluten-free options will be available. Registration is \$50 per person.

Girls Teen Night featuring Debbie Griffith on teen girl friendships, will be **Friday, April 12** from 7-9 p.m. We would like every teen to hear about the importance of being a good friend and having good friends, so we are offering this as a FREE event to girls grades 7-12.

Please register for either event at <https://arcluv.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2150113> or call the church office at (507) 283-8600. Pre-registration is REQUIRED by April 1. NO tickets available at the door. Both events will be held at American Reformed Church, 304 N Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN.

Dunamis Project #1 Gateways to Empowered Ministry: Whether you have reached a place in your Christian faith or ministry where it feels like you are trying to do too much on your own, or you are curious or skeptical about the nature and work of the Holy Spirit for today. Dunamis Project #1-Gateways to Empowered Ministry is a fantastic way to begin your journey in cooperating with the work of God. It is the first of six events in the Dunamis Project. It is foundational to the teachings that follow. The focus is on worldview, the nature of the spiritual reality and the person and work of the Holy Spirit from a Reformed and Biblical perspective. Please join us at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg SD, April 25th-28th. Register at www.primi.org/events or contact Vicki Altena for more information at 320-226-2459.

Lost Timber Bible Camp brochures have arrived and are available in the resource rack by the church office. Lost Timber offers non-denominational, Christian camps for kids in grades 3-13 right down the road near Chandler, MN. Lost Timber's heartbeat is to help campers have fun, build friendships, and grow in their faith.

Kids Corner: Healing Love - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus goes to the tomb where Lazarus' family laid him to rest, and miraculously restores Lazarus to life. Jesus also healed Lazarus' family's broken hearts. It restored their joy. We might not be able to heal physically those we love as Jesus did. But, like Jesus, we can come alongside them and demonstrate God's never-ending, always-present love. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: The Paradox Of The Cross - In the Roman empire, the cross brought death in a brutal, humiliating way. But believers of Jesus Christ find life in the cross. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 5:1-11, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to study the paradox of the cross, remember the profound love of God, and learn how we should live in light of this paradox. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Listening to God often involves listening for God's still, small voice (see 1 Kings 19). How might you quiet other voices so you can be attentive to God's voice this week? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Helpful Information

NURSERY: available for infants and toddlers on lower level
CHILDREN'S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM): ages 3-1st grade are dismissed to their classes downstairs after the offertory
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (AM): grades 2-4 in the society room during the pastoral prayer
HEARING AID DEVICES: available at the media desk
REFRESHMENTS: after the morning service
PRAYER ROOM: you are invited to join the prayer team before the Sunday services
WEBSITE: www.betheledgerton.org
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Secretary ph: 442-3063 bethelcrccdgerton@yahoo.com
Announcements need to be in by Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
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WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV

Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Rich Loerop Next Week: AM: Pastor Rich Loerop	PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM: Pastor Rich Loerop
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Rachel Prins Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill	PM: Linda Vanderaa PM: Kendra Van Hill
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Todd Jasper	Next Week: Lois Van Dyke
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Kristi De Boer	Next Week: Janet Walhof
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Carissa Odland & Avery/Parker Fey	
NURSERY Today AM: Infant: Julie Vander Pol, Megan Rylaarsdam, Maya Krosschell Toddler: Kendra Kuipers, Gavin Rieck, Mason Tinklenberg, Hudson Kooiker, Sohpie Van Essen PM: Larissa, Hannah & Maggie Caspersen Next Week AM Infant: Dionne Prins, Emma Rylaarsdam Toddler: Patty Sas, Trevin Prins, Jayven Kooiker, Alexa De Boer, Sadie Fenske PM: Arlin & Lin Van't Hof	
USHERS Today: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Jeremy Van Essen Next Week: Arly Van't Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk	
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg Next Week: Mary Kreun & Kendra Kuipers	
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Seth/Huck	Next Week: Derek/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Brent	Next Week: Arlin
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Kyle	Next Week: Dan
REFRESHMENTS Today: Donna Hanenburg, Emily Hanenburg, Joyce Hanenburg, Kyle & Lori Fey Next Week: Narla Hulstein, Sue Jasper, Melissa Kooiker, Gene & Lou Ann Kuipers	



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Mary Buys – Southeast Asia
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Cornerstone Prison Church - South Dakota
Children of the Promise – Haiti
Vasya & Maranda Heytsi – Ukraine

Worship Guide and Weekly News

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.